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FOREIGN PAGE

NEWS GATHERED
FROM ALL PARTS
OF THE GLOBEPROBLEM
OF THE PUBLICHOME RULE BILL IS
RUSHED BY ASQUITH

Expedition Handling of the
Measure by Government Is
Highly Gratifying.

OPPOSITION EXPECTED

Liberals Weak in Numbers in
House of Lords, but Have
Powerful Leaders.

BY AUSTIN F. MAGUIRE.

DUBLIN, May 11.—The expedition with which the government is sending the home rule bill through the house of commons is gratifying proof that the ministry means business and that stage after stage of the bill's progress must be attained with all the celerity it is possible to have under the rules of parliamentary procedure.

Premier Asquith is determined to have the bill sent up to the house of lords without loss of time so that the butchery or rejection may be over with as quickly as the house of lords can get down to work.

It is a foregone conclusion that the bill will be in the hands of its enemies the moment it reaches the chamber of the peers. The generalship of the Liberal leaders there will lie in their forcing prompt action on the measure and preventing any shelving of the bill for the mere purpose of gaining time.

The Liberals are hopelessly weak in point of numbers in the house of lords, but in their small group they have many strong men, for instance, Lord Mestrey and Lord Haldane, and they will keep things moving until the majority resorts to a brazen policy of sheer obstruction.

This will be a dangerous game for all to play. But then it should be borne in mind that British Toryism is in desperate straits just now.

Scheduled for Passage.
When the bill comes back from the lords, the prime minister will allow no grass to grow in the popular house. Without delay, the measure will be reintroduced, be passed again by the elective house, and then again be sent up to the lords.

Titled American Women
Make Ready to Entertain
King George and Queen

Duchess of Roxburghe and, Below, the Countess of Granard



Duchess of Roxburghe and the
Countess of Granard to
Welcome Their Majesties.

LONDON, May 11.—The Duchess of Roxburghe, formerly Miss May Golet of New York, and the Countess of Granard, formerly Miss Beatrice Mills of New York, are rapidly gaining fame as society leaders in England. Both young hostesses are now making preparations to entertain King George and Queen Mary at their homes in the near future.

The duchess will entertain the royal couple at Floors Castle, seat of the Duke of Roxburghe, in Scotland, and the former Miss Mills will receive their majesties at a dinner to be given in her beautiful London mansion.

chancellor of the exchequer, who knows the country and can tell when extravagant expenditure ends and where extravagance begins.

In fact, government experts have already figured that the Irish revenue in the very first budget presented to the Irish parliament, will figure a total of \$37,810,000, while the expenditure will stand at \$35,310,000, leaving a surplus of \$2,500,000.

As time goes on these figures will undergo radical change. And before twenty years are at an end, after the passage of home rule, Ireland's resources will have experienced a great process of strengthening and increase.

It is estimated that old age pensions, which now stand at \$13,320,000 per annum, shall show a decrease with in twenty years of fully \$1,000,000.

And, of course, there is a time limit to the burden of land purchase. Sixty years from now, at the farthest, that will be all wiped out. And then Ireland's resources—save for the contribution to the imperial fund—will turn inward towards herself.

Ireland's commerce is capable of enormous development. Once capital takes courage and begins to flow freely through the arteries of her commercial system—and this will be immediately after home rule is established—the lifeblood of the national exchequer will mount upwards by leaps and bounds.

No country in Europe has finer harbors or rivers, so that all the natural requirements for commercial development are easily within her grasp.

Leaving out of calculation any increase of her manufactures and looking only at her natural resources, it is confidently predicted that if things go right politically and the country is given a chance to settle down, the value of the dairy produce trade and of the deep sea fisheries will be doubled within ten years.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE
TESTS NEW CUIRASS

Weight of Weapon Reduced
by One-Half, With No De-
crease in Its Efficiency.

NOT MADE OF METAL

Monotony of Bookkeeping Is
Wearisome to Clerk; Seeks
Fortune as Freak.

BY GEORGE DUFRESNE.

PARIS, May 11.—The French war office is testing a new type of cuirass for the cuirassiers, the heaviest branch of the French cavalry. The existing model dates from 1854, and is of steel, but the new one now on trial is of only half the weight—that is to say, 7½ pounds, instead of 15 pounds. The most striking feature of the new model is that it is not of metal. What the substance is the war office officials refuse to disclose, but they state that its power of resistance is quite equal to that of the steel cuirass, in spite of its lesser weight. In addition, it is thought that it will have the advantage of doing away with all danger of reflecting light.

From Clerk to Freak.

Wary of the monotony of keeping accounts day after day in an office, Louis Adams, a clerk, decided on taking a free and roving life, which, as he fondly imagined, might bring him fortune as well as amusement. After much reflection, he came to the conclusion that the most practical way of attaining this object would be to appear in public as a freak. As, however, he had already been gifted by nature with only the usual number of arms and legs, and was, in fact, as well proportioned as the great majority of his fellow-creatures, he realized that artificial means must be employed if he was to excite curiosity; so off he went to an expert in tattooing. To him he confided his ambition, and the latter promised to make quite a spectacle of him and, moreover, kept his word. When the work was finished the clerk, whose patience and endurance had certainly been worthy of a better cause, triumphantly presented himself for an engagement, which he was successful in securing then and there.

Gets Money's Worth.

The tattooer had given him plenty for his money. Two little birds were perched on the head of this candidate for fame and fortune, who was easily to be identified by the initials which were to be seen on each of his cheeks. A palm tree, flanked by a couple of swallows, was conspicuous on his neck. Bracelets and an anchor on one arm, a man's head and a rose on the other, and figures of apaches, negroes, redskins, Mexicans and soldiers with more ornithological and horticultural specimens all over his body, transformed him into an object which people flocked to see in a booth at a fair for the very reasonable price of 10 centimes.

But, unfortunately for the unlucky clerk, competitors in the same line of business were soon outshining him, and his thoughts have wandered back to the office at which he had spent so many peaceful if rather dreary hours, he determined on paying a visit to his old employer. The reception was, "What an awful fright you are!" the merchant exclaimed. "That your arms and your body are tattooed all over does not matter, after all; but look at your face, your head, and your neck! They are positively horrible. I'm sorry to take you back, as you are sorry to have not prospered; but on one condition; if you are to be my clerk again, all these monstrous designs must be removed."

Unfortunate Operation.

The unlucky man went to a hospital for a consultation, and the doctors whom he saw told him frankly that the thing was almost impossible, but that if he chose they would try. The odious tattoo marks were subjected to a temperature in comparison with which that of an ordinary oven would be mild, and the result was not altogether to the taste of the patient, who complains that this severe treatment has caused stiffness in his joints. So he has taken legal action against the two physicians with a claim for damages amounting to \$1200. The case has just been brought before the civil court of the Seine.

Sardou Is Astounded.

An amusing anecdote is told of Victor Sardou, when he was curious to see the work of the guillotine, of which he had a holy horror, as he was strongly opposed to capital punishment. He attended the execution of Troppmann. He had secured a good place near the scaffold, and his surprise may be imagined when, as the van containing the accessories drew up, he beheld a smart young woman emerging from the big van, which was to receive the murderer's corpse.

Noticing his astonishment, a man went up to him and said, "Don't mind this, Monsieur Sardou; it is my wife. She was bent on witnessing the sight, and I adopted this little stratagem to enable her to do so."

Mantea, Noted
Woman Writer
Dies in Rome

DONNA GINA SOBRERO.



SIGNORINA SOBRERO,
JOURNALIST, DEAD

Career Tinged With Romance
by Marriage With Pseudo
Honolulu Prince.

ROME, May 11.—The celebrated lady journalist known as Mantea, who was married to a pseudo Honolulu prince, has just died suddenly in Rome.

Donna Gina Sobrero, for that was her real name, was the daughter of a Piedmontese colonel and a Neapolitan baroness, Colonna di Stigliano. When a girl of 15, studying at the Regina Margherita college in Turin, she met the notorious adventurer Wilcox, a native of Honolulu, who boasted royal lineage and claimed to be king of the Sandwich islands. He had come to Italy in company with the well-known Italian explorer, Cesare Mazzeo, and had mastered the Italian language and became a society favorite. He used to be a familiar figure in the distinguished visitors' box in the chamber of deputies.

Signorina Sobrero, stirred by the pseudo prince's personality and the legends of chivalry associated with his name, ended by marrying him and accompanying him on a honeymoon voyage back to the land where she expected to reign as queen. Alas! on her arrival she learned to her cost that the highly educated young lady succeeded in escaping to California with her infant daughter. Finally she came back to Italy, where her lawsuit for the annulment of her marriage created immense interest, terminating in a favorable judgment on the score of mistaken personality.

Mantea's literary labors during her last years in Rome were of a brilliant, untiring character, especially in the case of training youth by modern methods.

THEATRICAL DEMAND
FOR LITTLE WOMEN

LONDON, May 11.—This is the day of the little woman. Such is the opinion of Charles Frohman, the famous theatrical manager, who has returned to London and who thinks that in musical comedy in particular, the tall woman is no longer to be found. The statuesque women have departed from musical comedy, he says, and the audiences are only keen to see the little girl.

ACCIDENTALLY STABS
CHILD WITH NEEDLE

FOLKESTONE, England, May 11.—Questioning the mother at a Folkestone inquest yesterday on a girl, aged 1 year and 10 months, who had died of a supposed attack of bronchitis, the coroner said: "Were you darning on Sunday?" "Yes, sir," replied the mother. "Did you use the needle again?" "No, I was nursing the deceased." "Had the needle in your bodice and missed it afterwards?" "A doctor who held a post-mortem examination produced the child's heart. A large darning needle was embedded in the center, the ends showing at either side. A vessel of hemorrhage caused by the accidental insertion of a needle was returned."

PESSIMISTIC VIEW
OF OLYMPIC GAMES

Picked English Athletes Do
Not Expect to Win Honors
in Stockholm Meet.

AMERICANS HOPEFUL

Prominent London Clubman
Concedes Victory to Uncle
Sam's Representatives.

BY PHILLIP EVERETT.

LONDON, May 11.—London is looking forward to the coming Olympic games at Stockholm with brave pessimism, for everyone knows that the picked English athletes, who are to represent John Bull, are almost sure to return without any laurels.

One of the most prominent members of the London Athletic club, S. Abrahams, said the other day: "The country which will sweep everything before her at Stockholm is America. Not only has she the big men, but she shows the highest standard of excellence, and whose average is high, the best man will be a champion. At London we saw the Americans signalize every event. In the hurdles they provided all the fun, in both the 100 meters and 200 meters two finalists, and in the 400 meters three.

Have Splendid Coach.

"In Alec Nelson we have a splendid coach, but a coach cannot do miracles. It seems to have been thought in many circles that there is something magical in the words 'coach' and 'trainer,' that it was only necessary to appoint one of the 'very numerous and perfectly competent professional experts' with which the country was of course awarming, to recover the lost supremacy which was, after all, not lost, but only successfully challenged.

Send to United States.

But let him be sent to America for six months, let the technique of athletics in this country be seriously considered, and Nelson, and others like him, will by 1915 have a body of athletes capable of holding their own all round, whereas at Stockholm for several events it will be practically a waste of money to send any representative at all.

Suffragists Gain Ground.

Certain leaders of the suffrage movement are pluming themselves mightily on the fact that their views are gaining ground in very exacting quarters. The Princess Louise, duchess of Argyll, has long been known as one of their supporters, and she has now given the queen over to her side. Though, Queen Mary can give no open sign of her sympathy in a question of politics. But in private she does not hesitate to express decided views on the subject. The latest royal accession to the ranks is seen in the person of the duchess of Teck, who, however, is not prepared to adopt the more extreme position. All this has vastly encouraged the militants; but happily there are some who realize that royalty will take to widow smothering.

TONS OF CHALK
FALL FROM CLIFF

LONDON, May 11.—Many thousands of tons of chalk fell recently from the western point of the famous Shalkspear cliff at Dover. The debris extends nearly 300 feet out to sea, in 150 feet deep, and 100 feet to twenty feet deep. There have been two other very extensive falls from this historical cliff in recent years, one carrying away portions of the footpath and the coast guard lookout house.

Yesterday's fall is unusual from the fact that it does not extend to the base of the cliff. The mass of chalk broke off and fell outward at a point about halfway down.